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Title: METHODS FOR REDUCTION OF A GASTRIC LUMEN

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

This is in response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed September 5, 2006, for which a response is due October 5, 2006. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

Claims 1-31 were presented for examination at filing. A Requirement for Restriction was issued, setting out three groups of claims. In response, please amend the Application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.